

1 **“Modified Timber Harvesting Plan Amendments, 2013”**

2 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR):**

3 **Division 1.5, Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, Article 2 – Timber Harvesting Plan**

4 **January 8, 2013**

5 **Amend:**

6 **§ 1051(a) Modified THP**

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9 **a)** On an ownership of ~~400~~ 160 acres, or a quarter (¼) section or less of timberland, a
10 modified timber harvest plan may be filed by a plan submitter, providing that the
11 following conditions and mitigations are met:

12 **(1)** No more than 70% of any existing tree canopy layer is to be harvested on
13 parcels 40 acres or less, and not more than 50% on parcels ~~41-400~~ 160 acres or a
14 quarter (¼) section. The canopy retained shall be well distributed over the harvest area.
15 Not more than 10% of the THP area shall be harvested under the rehabilitation method.
16 A sample area must be marked before submission of the THP. The sample area shall
17 include at least 10% of the area which is representative of the range of conditions
18 present in the area.

19 **(2)** Clearcutting and shelterwood removal, as defined in 14 CCR 913.1(a)
20 [933.1(a), and 953.1(a)] shall not be used, except for legally deeded rights-of-way or
21 easements for utility purposes which are documented in the plan by the RPF by
22 reference to specific deeds or surveys.

23 **(3)** Stocking standards, specific to the silvicultural method selected, must be met
24 immediately after harvesting operations are completed.

1 **(4)** No heavy equipment operations on slopes greater than 50%, or on areas with
2 high or extreme erosion hazard ratings-, except where explained and justified how the
3 protection provided by the proposed practice complies with 14 CCR § 914 [934, 954].

4 **(5)** ~~No construction of new~~ Newly constructed skid trails on slopes ~~over 40% of~~
5 less than 50% shall not exceed one-hundred feet in linear distance.

6 **(6)** ~~No timber operations in Special Treatment Areas except log hauling on~~
7 ~~existing roads not requiring reconstruction.~~ Log hauling on existing logging roads not
8 requiring reconstruction and other operations as approved by the Director may occur in
9 Special Treatment Areas where such operations are consistent with the intent and
10 purpose of the Special Treatment Area.

11 **(7)** ~~No timber operations on slides or unstable areas.~~ Except for use and
12 maintenance of existing logging roads and landings that do not require reconstruction,
13 no timber operations on slides or unstable areas may occur without an assessment by a
14 professional geologist prior to plan approval. Such operations shall be limited to the
15 cutting and removal of timber, and slash disposal.

16 **(8)** New road construction is confined to ~~600~~ 960 feet and a ~~4,000~~ 1,600 foot limit
17 total of road construction and reconstruction combined.

18 **(9)** No heavy equipment operations within a watercourse or lake protection zone,
19 meadows, or wet areas, except for maintenance of existing logging roads, drainage
20 facilities or structures-, or for logging road watercourse crossing construction or
21 reconstruction approved by DFG through notification required pursuant to F&GC §
22 1600.

23 **(10)** No listed species will be directly or indirectly adversely impacted by
24 proposed timber operations. For timber operations which potentially could adversely
25 affect a State-listed species or the habitat of the species, the consultation process with

1 DFG pursuant to F&GC 2090 or 2081 shall be completed before the THP is approved.
2 prior to plan approval.

3 **(11)** Timber harvesting is only allowed in the WLPZ if: 1) sanitation-salvage
4 harvesting is the only silvicultural system to be used in the WLPZ and it must be in
5 compliance with 14 CCR 916.4(b) [936.4(b), 956.4(b)]; or 2) if harvesting removes no
6 more than 30% of any existing canopy layer. Harvesting under 2) above shall not occur
7 again in the WLPZ for a 10-year period following completion of the THP.

8 **(12)** ~~No timber operations within potentially significant archaeological sites.~~
9 heavy equipment operations shall occur within potentially significant archaeological
10 sites identified pursuant to the criteria for a significant archaeological or historical site
11 listed in 14 CCR § 895.1. Use of existing logging roads and skid trails, and directional
12 felling and tree removal by end lining may be approved upon the Director's
13 determination that such operations will not adversely affect an identified archaeological
14 site.

15 **(13)** No alternatives, exceptions, or in-lieu practices allowed for watercourse or
16 lake protection measures, standard road and landing widths, or erosion control
17 measures, except for use of existing roads within WLPZ after compliance with
18 examination, evaluation, and mitigation(s) per 14 CCR 916.4(a) [936.4(a), 956.4(a)].

19 **(14)** Winter timber operations except as conditioned by the Director to avoid
20 potential significant cumulative impacts shall be in accordance with 14 CCR 914.7 (a)
21 and (b) [934.7 (a) and (b), 954.7(a) and (b)].

22 **(15)** Harvesting will not reduce the amount of timberland occupied by late
23 succession forest stands currently greater than or equal to 5 acres in size.

24 **(16)** In addition to (1)-(15) all other rules of the Board shall apply to operations
25 specified in this section.